

Benedict VIII enforces celibacy on the clergy

Council of PAVIA imposes

Church discipline (not Ecclesiastical)

For the Roman Church during the Dark Ages through which Europe passed in the 9th & 10th centuries, lay control of the church was a disaster. Learning and culture were the preserve of the clergy, as they were NOT in the East, while benefices were at the disposal of illiterate local magnates. So the demand for

spiritual and moral reforms in the church, which arose from both monks and secular clergy in the 11th cen. became entangled in temporal politics, leading eventually to the great "investiture contest" waged between Pope and emperor.

One of the 1st successes of the reform came at Pavia in 1018. celibacy had long been a characteristic form of Christian asceticism & in West had been habitual. Early middle ages saw concubinage and violations of the vow of chastity. Benedict summoned the Council convened in 1018 & decreed that the clergy of the Roman church be in celibacy and chastity.

1018 Council of PAVIA imposes church discipline

Benedict VIII enforced celibacy on the clergy.

For the Roman ch. during the dark yrs. those which Europe possessed in 9th & 10th cen., long control of the church was a disaster. heresies and cutters were the preserve of the clergy, as they were not in the East, whose benefices were at the disposal of illiterate local magnates. So the demand for spiritual and moral reform of the church which arose both monks & secular clergy in 11th cen., became entangled in temporal politics leading eventually to the Great "Invasions"

contested" waged between pope and emperor. One of the  
1st successes of the reform movement came at PAVIA  
in 1018. Celibacy had long been a characteristic form  
of Christian asceticism and in the West had been  
habitual among the Parish Clergy since the  
3rd cent. It remained voluntary, but the  
Popes grew increasingly opposed to clerical  
marriage, which fit into clericalism, and by the early  
middle ages, the chief laxities were concubinage and  
violations of the vow of chastity. Benedict summoned  
a council at PAVIA in 1018 and decreed that the clergy  
of the Roman Church must be both celibate and  
Chaste.

1018

Bulgaria was reduced to a  
province of Constantinople.